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Dr. Dana Plude Named Associate Director in CSR's Division of Receipt and Referral

The NIH Center for Scientific Review has recruited Dr. Dana Plude to be an Associate Director in its Division of Receipt and Referral (DRR). He will also serve as CSR's new Research Integrity Officer.



"We're pleased Dr. Plude has agreed to take on these important responsibilities," said Dr. Richard Nakamura, CSR Director. "He has extensive experience adroitly serving the scientific community while navigating complex scientific and administrative situations. This experience will be invaluable as he helps to coordinate the referral of incoming NIH grant applications to CSR peer review groups and NIH Institutes and Centers and as he investigates allegations of misconduct by researchers and reviewers."

Dr. Plude has been Chief of CSR's Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes Integrated Review Group (IRG) and the Scientific Review Officer for its Cognition and Perception Study Section. He also has been acting Chief of CSR's Population Sciences and Epidemiology IRG.

"His exceptional abilities have been proven over and over again," said Dr. Nakamura. He noted that Dr. Plude has -- at different times -- served as acting Director of CSR's Division of AIDS, Behavioral and Population-based Studies and as the acting Extramural Research Integrity Officer for the NIH Office of Extramural Research.

During his 13-year tenure at CSR, Dr. Plude also served as a Referral Officer and a Scientific Review Officer for small business and special emphasis panels in the Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes IRG.

Before joining CSR, he was associate professor and associate chair in psychology at the University of Maryland for 17 years. He earned a Ph.D. in psychology from Syracuse University, where he specialized in lifespan development and mental function in the elderly. His basic and applied research centered on aging, selective attention and memory.

About CSR

CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of grant applications submitted to NIH. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR's mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews — free from inappropriate influences — so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming

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